

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
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11. (Cancelled)
12. (New) In a railroad car having a box body extending longitudinally between a first end of said box body and a second end of said box body, said box body delimiting a plurality of compartments within said box body, seats arranged in at least some of said plurality of compartments, the improvement of means for enabling passengers to locate and to gain access more easily and more rapidly to the particular ones of said seats in at least some of said plurality of compartments that have been reserved by the passengers, said means for enabling passengers to locate and to gain access comprising:
at least one side door provided in said railroad car intermediate said first end and said second end of said box body operable for providing passengers with easy access to said seats arranged in at least some of said plurality of compartments of said box body;

a first identifying means for identifying said railroad car, said first identifying means being positioned on said railroad car so as to enable a passenger to readily determine the identity of said railroad car by reference to said first identifying means; and

a second identifying means for identifying said seats that are arranged in at least some of said plurality of compartments in said box body of said railroad car, said second identifying means being positioned in juxtaposed relation to said at least one side door so as to enable a passenger entering said railroad car through said at least one side door to readily determine by reference to said second identifying means the location of a particular one of said seats that are arranged in at least some of said plurality of compartments in said box body of said railroad car.

13. (New) In a railroad car, the improvement in accordance with claim 12 wherein said box body of said railroad car includes a lower story and an upper story, said plurality of compartments of said box body includes a first compartment and a second compartment on each of said lower story and said upper story, a first landing is arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said lower story, a second landing is arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said upper story, and at least one staircase is provided within said box body for enabling access to be had between said first landing and said second landing.

14. (New) In a railroad car, the improvement in accordance with claim 12 wherein a side door is provided in said railroad car intermediate said first end and said second end of said box body on each longitudinally extending side of said box body, each of said side doors being operable for providing passengers with easy access to said seats arranged in at least some of said compartments in said box body.

15. (New) In a railroad car, the improvement in accordance with claim 12 wherein at least one door is provided at each of said first end and of said second end of said box body for providing access between said railroad car and an adjacent railroad car.

16. (New) In a train including a plurality of railroad cars hitched up to one another wherein at least one of said plurality of railroad cars has a box body extending longitudinally between a first end of said box body and a second end of said box body, said box body delimiting a plurality of compartments within said box body, seats arranged in at least some of said plurality of compartments, the improvement in said train of means for enabling passengers to locate and to gain access more easily and more rapidly to the particular ones of said seats in said at least some of said compartments of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars that have been reserved by the passengers, said means for enabling passengers to locate and to gain access comprising:

at least one side door provided in said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars intermediate said first end and said second end of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars operable for providing passengers with easy access to said seats arranged in at least some of said plurality of compartments of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars;

a first identifying means for identifying said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars, said first identifying means being positioned on said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars so as to enable a passenger to readily determine the identity of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars by reference to said first identifying means; and

a second identifying means for identifying said seats that are arranged in at least some of said plurality of compartments in said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars, said second identifying means being positioned in juxtaposed relation to said at least one side door so as to enable a passenger entering said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars through said at least one side door to readily determine by reference to said second identifying means the location of a particular one of said seats that are arranged in at least some of said plurality of compartments in said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars.

17. (New) In a train, the improvement in accordance with claim 16 wherein said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars includes a lower story and an upper story, said plurality of compartments in said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars includes a first compartment and a second compartment on each of said lower story and said upper story, a first landing is arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said lower story, a second landing is arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said upper story, and at least one staircase is provided within said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars for enabling access to be had between said first landing and said second landing.

18. (New) In a train, the improvement in accordance with claim 16 wherein a side door is provided in said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars intermediate said first end and said second end of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars on each longitudinally extending side of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars, each of said side doors being operable for providing passengers with access to said seats arranged in at least some of said compartments in said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars.

19. (New) In a train, the improvement in accordance with claim 16 wherein at least one door is provided at each of said first end and of said second end of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars for providing access between said at least one of said railroad cars and at least another one of said railroad cars of said train.